

What is claimed is:

1. A firearm comprising:
an elongated barrel having a rearward end,
a breech plug fastened to the rearward end of the barrel
with a nipple extending rearwardly of the breech
plug,
a receiver at the rearward end of the barrel, the
receiver having an opening for receiving a firing
element,
a bolt assembly positioned within the receiver, and
the firing element having an elongated bore
extending through the firing element from a forward
end to a rearward end wherein the rearward end of
the bore receives a percussion element and the
forward end receives the nipple such that a forward
end of the percussion element is in alignment with
the nipple.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein the firing element
has a cylindrical body member with a rearward portion of
greater diameter, a forward portion of reduced diameter,
and a shoulder portion on the body member between the
forward and rearward portions dwelling in a plane
perpendicular to a center elongated axis of the body
member.
3. A firearm comprising:
an elongated barrel having a rearward end,
a breech plug fastened to the rearward end of the barrel
with a nipple extending rearwardly of the breech
plug,
a receiver at the rearward end of the barrel, the
receiver having an opening for receiving a firing

element,
a bolt assembly positioned within the receiver, and
the firing element having an elongated bore
extending through the firing element from a forward
end to a rearward end wherein the rearward end of
the bore receives a percussion element and the
forward end receives the nipple such that a forward
end of the percussion element is in alignment with
the nipple.

4. The device of claim 1 wherein the firing element
has a cylindrical body member with a rearward portion of
greater diameter, a forward portion of reduced diameter,
and a shoulder portion on the body member between the
forward and rearward portions dwelling in a plane
perpendicular to a center elongated axis of the body
member.

5. A firing element for use with a firearm having a
barrel with a breech plug at a rearward end of the
barrel, and a nipple extending rearwardly from the
breech plug, comprising:
an elongated cylindrical body member having a forward
and a rearward end,
a rearward portion of the body member of greater
diameter,
a forward portion of the body member of reduced
diameter,
a shoulder portion on the body member between the
forward and the rearward portions dwelling in a
plane perpendicular to a center elongated axis of
the body member, and
an elongated bore extending between the forward and the

rearward end wherein a percussion element is received in the rearward end of the bore and the nipple is received in the forward end of the bore such that a forward end of the percussion element is in alignment with the nipple.